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SUBJ: SOVIET PRESS TREATMENT OF SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE
HEARINGS ON TRADE BULL

1. SELECTED ORGANS OF CENTRAL PRESS MARCH 6 CARRY SHORT, STRAIGHT-FORWARD TASS ACCOUNTS OF TESTIMONY BEFORE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATION TRADE BILL. ARTICLE APPEARING IN PRAVDA FOCUSED ON STATEMENT BY SENATOR FULBRIGHT, IN WHICH HE STRESSES IMPORTANCE OF GRANTING MFN TO USSR AS ELEMENT IN NORMALIZATION OF US-USSR TRADE RELATIONS AND THEREBY AIDING IN STRENGTHENING WORLD PEACE. NOTING THAT COLD WAR EAR IS PAST, SENATOR FULBRIGHT QUOTED AS ASSERTING THAT ESTABLISHMENT OF NORMAL US-USSR TRADE RELATIONS WOULD HAVE REAL EFFECT ON REDUCTION OF WORLD TENSIONS.

2. ACCOUNT OF HEARINGS CARRIED IN SOTSIALISTICHESKAYA INDUSTRIYA IS SOMEWHAT BROADER THAN PRAVDA VERSION AND IS
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CONCENTRATED MAINLY ON TESTIMONY BY SECRETARY SHULTZ, CIEP

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CHIEF FLANIGAN, AND SPECIAL TRADE REPRESENTATIVE EBERLE.
SECRETARY SHULTZ QUOTED AS STATING THAT USG ATTACHES GREAT
SIGNIFICANCE TO EXPANSION OF TRADE/ECONOMIC TIES WITH USSR,
ADDING THAT CONGRESS "SHOULD NOT INTERFERE (MESHAT') IN THE
DEVELOPMENT OF NORMAL TRADE BETWEEN THE USSR AND USA."
EFFORTS OF CERTAIN CONGRESSIONAL FIGURES TO HINDER EXPANSION
OF MUTUALLY-ADVANTAGEOUS TRADE LINKS ARE CHARACTERIZED IN
QUOTE ATTRIBUTED TO SECRETARY SHULTZ AS "SINGULARLY IMPRUDENT"
(ISKLYUCHITEL'NO NEBLAGORAZUMNIYE). TO MESSRS. FLANIGAN
AND EBERLE ARE ATTRIBUTED STATEMENTS ADVOCATING REMOVAL
OF DISCRIMINATORY TRADE BARRIERS, WITH MR. EBERLE STRESSING
THIS ASPECT AS "KEY ELEMENT" IN DEVELOPMENT OF NORMAL
ECONOMIC RELATIONS WITH USSR.

3. COMMENT: HAVING EPORTED WIDELY THE INITIAL SALVOS
FROM ADMINISTRATION AND OTHER ADVOCATES OF MFN, IT WILL
BE INTERESTED TO SEE HOW SOVIET PRESS PLAYS TESTIMONY BY
OPPONENTS.
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